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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FRENCH INSTRUCTION ON THE SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, 1940

Inspectoral Changes

Due to a considerable increase in the French-speaking school population of the Sudbury area, a new inspectoral division, known as R.C. Separate Division III and District Division VII, Part III, was established at midsummer 1940. Dr. Louis Charbonneau, M.A., B.Paed., Ph.D., master at the University of Ottawa Normal School, accepted temporary appointment to this inspectorate.

The opening of this new inspectoral division permitted a redistribution of the schools attended by French-speaking pupils into more compact areas of approximately 125 classrooms for each of the twelve French-speaking elementary school inspectors.

Training of Teachers—Improvement in Qualifications

In 1939-40, there were 182 teachers-in-training at the University of Ottawa Normal School, 32 of whom were enrolled in the First Class course, and 150 in the Second Class course. As a result of the term and final examinations, 26 students were awarded First Class teachers' certificates, and 118 obtained Second Class certificates.

The following table shows the number and percentage of Ontario French-speaking elementary school teachers holding First or Second Class certificates in November, 1940, and the progress made in this regard since 1929:—

	1929	1937	1938	1939	1940
Total number of French-speaking teachers in Elementary Schools	1,087	1,281	1,316	1,390	1,416
Number of above teachers holding I or II Class certificates	273	1,018	1,135	1,271	1,311
Percentage of French-speaking teachers holding I or II Class certificates	25.11	79.46	86.24	91.43	92.58

Age-Grade Distribution of Pupils in Elementary Schools

The following tables present a compilation of the French-speaking School Inspectors' Annual Age-Grade Summary Reports for May, 1940:—

TABLE No. 1

AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1940

(A) Separate and Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	159	2,655	3,459	1,444	463	191	87	48	16	6	4	3	.....	.....	.....	8,539	17.12
II	.....	.....	94	1,720	2,755	1,464	585	249	118	53	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	7,057	14.15
III	.....	.....	1	191	1,437	2.410	1,432	735	375	158	45	17	2	.....	.....	.....	6,803	13.64
IV	.....	.....	.....	2	180	1,316	2,100	1,453	822	436	188	40	4	.....	.....	.....	6,541	13.11
V	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	185	1,140	1,856	1,428	865	432	115	16	.....	.....	.....	6,043	12.12
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	237	993	1,503	1,196	738	288	62	3	2	.....	5,036	10.09
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	289	1,017	1,287	998	502	129	20	.....	.....	4,284	8.58
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	338	903	1,179	815	368	72	28	.....	3,741	7.50
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	120	268	305	162	68	6	.....	948	1.90
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	92	230	177	97	28	11	646	1.29
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	7	17	44	83	64	20	6	.....	.....	251	.50
Grand Totals	4	159	2,750	5,372	5,822	5,853	5,736	5,708	5,684	5,089	4,045	2,383	943	266	64	11	49,889	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	59	536	822	428	176	73	40	25	9	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,175	
	Girls	4	61	571	674	273	103	38	16	9	4	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,756	3,931
II	Boys	.....	.....	20	288	561	392	171	86	49	28	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,605	
	Girls	.....	.....	46	336	541	276	96	32	20	9	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,360	2,965
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	19	234	497	370	229	99	52	11	6	2	.....	.....	.....	1,519	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	32	287	475	267	115	58	21	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,261	2,780
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	193	408	348	229	131	61	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,407	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	2	52	279	376	302	129	74	27	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1,246	2,653
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	31	170	356	337	219	104	24	5	.....	.....	.....	1,247	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	53	281	384	256	147	46	10	1	.....	.....	.....	1,180	2,427
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	28	149	259	251	136	51	9	.....	.....	.....	887	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	74	235	324	229	95	29	1	.....	1	.....	994	1,881
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	43	153	235	204	102	18	3	.....	.....	764	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	75	219	277	176	70	7	2	.....	.....	834	1,598
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	45	131	189	143	77	12	1	.....	600	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	78	208	247	130	38	10	.....	.....	722	1,322
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	20	22	16	7	.....	.....	69	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	17	55	45	29	9	1	.....	160	229
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	19	13	5	1	.....	45	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	20	40	25	15	3	1	107	152
Totals By Sexes	Boys	.....	59	556	1,129	1,251	1,293	1,226	1,253	1,197	1,059	745	381	140	27	2	.....	10,318	
	Girls	4	61	617	1,044	1,155	1,192	1,140	1,171	1,096	989	673	331	105	36	5	1	9,620	
Grand Totals	.....	4	120	1,173	2,173	2,406	2,485	2,366	2,424	2,293	2,048	1,418	712	245	63	7	1	.....	19,938

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) Urban

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	19	746	1,031	371	125	51	16	9	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2,371	
	Girls	.....	20	802	932	372	59	29	15	5	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,237	4,608
II	Boys	.....	.....	6	503	850	473	219	94	34	13	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,197	
	Girls	.....	.....	22	593	803	323	99	37	15	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,895	4,092
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	87	406	702	444	231	151	62	22	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,113	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	53	510	736	351	160	67	23	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,910	4,023
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	363	657	430	290	151	67	22	2	.....	.....	.....	2,024	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	481	659	373	174	80	33	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,864	3,888
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	37	287	510	416	291	197	52	10	.....	.....	.....	1,801	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	64	402	606	419	208	85	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,815	3,616
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	266	450	366	300	143	37	3	1	.....	1,617	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	84	343	470	350	207	65	15	.....	.....	.....	1,338	3,155
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	64	250	347	324	198	66	13	.....	.....	1,269	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	107	395	428	294	132	38	2	.....	.....	1,417	2,686
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	78	229	346	277	148	36	7	.....	1,127	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	137	335	397	265	105	14	20	.....	1,292	2,419
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	41	72	100	57	36	5	.....	315	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	59	121	138	60	16	.....	.....	404	719
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	37	51	62	29	16	5	204	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	28	120	77	48	8	5	290	494
Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	6	15	30	50	40	12	4	.....	.....	166	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	14	33	24	8	2	.....	.....	85	251
Totals by Sexes	Boys	.....	19	753	1,621	1,670	1,701	1,724	1,623	1,697	1,536	1,420	890	395	121	29	5	15,204	.....
	Girls	.....	20	824	1,578	1,746	1,667	1,646	1,661	1,694	1,505	1,207	781	303	82	28	5	14,747	.....
Grand Totals		.....	.....	39	1,577	3,199	3,416	3,368	3,370	3,284	3,391	3,041	2,627	1,671	698	203	57	10	.....	29,951

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(B) Separate Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	4	131	2442	3,207	1,287	403	164	76	41	13	4	3	3	.....	.....	.....	7,778	16.88
II	.....	.....	78	1,589	2,557	1,361	535	219	98	46	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,502	14.11
III	.....	.....	1	178	1,336	2,242	1,332	654	345	139	43	15	2	.....	.....	.....	6,287	13.64
IV	.....	.....	.....	1	160	1,225	1,951	1,329	755	389	163	38	4	.....	.....	.....	6,015	13.04
V	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	171	1,058	1,717	1,309	796	397	100	12	.....	.....	.....	5,564	12.07
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	218	919	1,379	1,107	682	272	57	3	2	.....	4,648	10.08
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	273	963	1,209	923	464	126	18	.....	.....	4,014	8.70
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	303	836	1,096	768	345	71	28	.....	3,478	7.55
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18	119	266	302	161	65	6	.....	938	2.04
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	90	229	175	96	28	11	640	1.39
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	6	14	40	76	61	19	6	.....	.....	232	.50
Grand Totals	4	131	2,521	4,975	5,344	5,412	5,305	5,225	5,225	4,705	3,756	2,255	904	259	64	11	46,096	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) RURAL

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	48	461	707	344	146	58	35	19	7	2	2	....	.....	.....	.....	1,829	
	Girls	4	46	508	598	212	76	26	10	8	3	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,494	3,323
II	Boys	.....	.....	17	257	485	349	148	68	32	21	9	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,387	
	Girls	.....	.....	38	293	470	235	80	24	17	9	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,170	2,557
III	Boys	.....	.....	.....	15	206	435	321	188	83	41	11	4	2	.....	.....	.....	1,306	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	25	254	428	237	94	52	18	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,113	2,419
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	168	344	306	198	105	44	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,194	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	1	42	246	324	256	109	61	24	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1,068	2,262
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	149	301	291	190	87	17	5	.....	.....	.....	1,066	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	47	241	338	219	128	38	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,021	2,087
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	24	133	221	219	115	44	7	.....	.....	.....	765	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	66	201	276	193	81	28	1	.....	1	.....	851	1,616
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	39	135	213	177	86	17	2	.....	.....	674	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	69	197	242	154	62	5	1	.....	.....	738	1,412
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	39	114	172	131	67	12	1	.....	537	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	60	184	209	110	36	10	.....	.....	616	1,153
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	20	22	16	6	.....	.....	68	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	17	54	44	29	8	1	.....	157	225
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	19	11	5	1	.....	43	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	19	40	25	15	3	1	106	149
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	.....	48	478	979	1,055	1,126	1,049	1,071	1,019	913	644	335	125	25	2	.....	8,869	
	Girls	4	46	546	917	979	1,036	982	1,000	941	858	585	300	100	34	5	1	8,334	17,203
GRAND TOTALS	.....	4	94	1,024	1,896	2,034	2,162	2,031	2,071	1,960	1,771	1,229	635	225	59	7	1	17,203	.....

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

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(iii) Urban

Grade	Sex	Under 5 yrs.	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	.....	18	706	1,000	366	123	51	16	9	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	2,292	
	Girls	.....	19	767	902	365	58	29	15	5	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,163	4,455
II	Boys	.....	.....	4	478	820	462	212	90	34	13	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,118	
	Girls	.....	.....	19	561	782	315	95	37	15	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,827	3,945
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	86	389	670	433	221	145	59	22	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,033	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	52	487	709	341	151	65	21	7	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,835	3,868
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	345	641	411	278	145	64	21	2	.....	.....	.....	1,948	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	466	642	356	170	78	31	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,805	3,753
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	36	281	494	397	277	190	48	7	.....	.....	.....	1,731	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	62	387	584	402	201	82	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,746	3,477
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	259	436	352	286	138	35	3	1	.....	1,560	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	78	326	446	343	200	62	14	.....	.....	.....	1,472	3,032
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	61	245	340	314	193	66	13	.....	.....	1,239	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	104	386	414	278	123	38	2	.....	.....	1,363	2,602
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	71	221	333	269	140	35	7	.....	1,082	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	133	317	382	258	102	14	20	.....	1,243	2,325
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	41	72	99	57	36	5	.....	314	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	58	120	137	59	15	.....	.....	399	713
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	37	51	62	29	16	5	204	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	27	119	77	47	8	5	287	491
Jr. Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	5	12	26	43	37	11	4	.....	.....	147	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	14	33	24	8	2	.....	.....	85	232
Totals By Sexes	Boys	.....	18	711	1,564	1,617	1,637	1,683	1,563	1,631	1,480	1,366	863	381	120	29	5	14,668	
	Girls	.....	19	786	1,515	1,693	1,613	1,591	1,591	1,634	1,454	1,161	757	298	80	28	5	14,225	28,893
Grand Totals	.....	.....	37	1,497	3,079	3,310	3,250	3,274	3,154	3,265	2,934	2,527	1,620	679	200	57	10	28,893	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(C) Public Schools

(i) Rural and Urban

Grade	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals Per cent.
I	28	213	252	157	60	27	11	7	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	761	20.07
II	.....	16	131	198	103	50	30	20	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	555	14.63
III	.....	.....	13	101	168	100	81	30	19	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	516	13.61
IV	.....	.....	1	20	91	149	124	67	47	25	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	526	13.87
V	.....	.....	.....	2	14	82	139	119	69	35	15	4	.....	.....	.....	479	12.63
VI	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	19	74	124	89	56	16	5	.....	.....	.....	388	10.23
VII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	16	54	78	75	38	3	2	.....	.....	270	7.12
VIII	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	35	67	83	47	23	1	.....	.....	263	6.93
IX	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	1	3	.....	.....	10	.26
X	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	6	.15
Auxiliary Classes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	7	3	1	.....	.....	.....	19	.50
Grand Totals	28	229	397	478	441	431	483	459	384	289	128	39	7	.....	.....	3,793	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(ii) Rural

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	11	75	115	84	30	15	5	6	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	346	
	Girls	15	63	76	61	27	12	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	262	608
II	Boys	.....	3	31	76	43	23	18	17	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218	
	Girls	.....	8	43	71	41	16	8	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	190	408
III	Boys	.....	.....	4	28	62	49	41	16	11	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	213	
	Girls	.....	.....	7	33	47	30	21	6	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	148	361
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	7	25	64	42	31	26	17	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	213	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	10	33	52	46	20	13	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	391
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	1	5	21	55	46	29	17	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	181	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	1	6	40	46	37	19	8	1	1	.....	.....	.....	159	340
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	16	38	32	21	7	2	.....	.....	.....	122	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	8	34	48	36	14	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	143	265
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	18	22	27	16	1	1	.....	.....	90	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	22	35	22	8	2	1	.....	.....	96	186
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	17	17	12	10	.....	.....	.....	63	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	18	24	38	20	2	.....	.....	.....	106	169
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	3	4
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Totals By Sexes	Boys	11	78	150	196	167	177	182	178	146	101	46	15	2	.....	.....	1,449	
	Girls	15	71	127	176	156	158	171	155	131	88	31	5	2	.....	.....	1,286	2,735
Grand Totals	.....	26	149	277	372	323	335	353	333	277	189	77	20	4	.....	.....	2,735	.....

Note:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

(iii) URBAN

Grade	Sex	5 yrs.	6 yrs.	7 yrs.	8 yrs.	9 yrs.	10 yrs.	11 yrs.	12 yrs.	13 yrs.	14 yrs.	15 yrs.	16 yrs.	17 yrs.	18 yrs.	19 yrs. and over	Totals	Totals by Grades
I	Boys	1	40	31	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	
	Girls	1	35	30	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	153
II	Boys	.....	2	25	30	11	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	
	Girls	.....	3	32	21	8	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68	147
III	Boys	.....	.....	1	17	32	11	10	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	
	Girls	.....	.....	1	23	27	10	9	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	155
IV	Boys	.....	.....	.....	1	18	16	19	12	6	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	2	15	17	17	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	135
V	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	16	19	14	7	4	3	.....	.....	.....	70	
	Girls				.....	2	15	22	17	7	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	139
VI	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	14	14	14	5	2	.....	.....	.....	57	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	6	17	24	7	7	3	1	.....	.....	.....	66	123
VII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	7	10	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	9	14	16	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	84
VIII	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	8	13	8	8	1	.....	.....	45	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	18	15	7	3	.....	.....	.....	49	94
IX	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	5	6
X	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	3	3
Auxiliary Classes	Boys	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	4	7	3	1	.....	.....	.....	19	
	Girls	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19
TOTALS BY SEXES	Boys	1	42	57	53	64	41	60	66	56	54	27	14	1	.....	.....	536	
	Girls	1	38	63	53	54	55	70	60	51	46	24	5	2	.....	.....	522	
GRAND TOTALS	.....	2	80	120	106	118	96	130	126	107	100	51	19	3	.....	.....	1,058	

NOTE:—Heavy lines denote ideal age spread for each grade.

The following comparative table, for the years 1938, 1939, and 1940, shows the marked progress which has been achieved in the grade-enrolment distribution in all Ontario elementary schools attended by French-speaking pupils:—

Separate and Public Schools

Grade	1938		1939		1940	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	11,216	23.66	8,955	18.16	8,539	17.12
II	6,992	14.75	7,148	14.49	7,057	14.15
III	4,974	10.49	6,631	13.45	6,803	13.64
IV	5,548	11.71	6,364	12.90	6,541	13.11
V	5,828	12.30	5,883	11.93	6,043	12.12
VI	4,775	10.07	5,136	10.41	5,036	10.09
VII	3,764	7.95	4,018	8.15	4,284	8.58
VIII	2,913	6.15	3,436	6.97	3,741	7.50
IX	727	1.52	893	1.81	948	1.90
X	443	.93	587	1.19	646	1.29
Auxiliary Classes	217	.46	268	.54	251	.50
Totals	47,397	100.00	49,319	100.00	49,889	100.00

It is worth noting in the above table that, while the total French-speaking school population has increased from 47,397 pupils, in 1938, to 49,889 pupils, in 1940, the percentage of the Grade I enrolment has decreased from 23.66, in 1938, to 17.12, in 1940. The main reason for this more normal enrolment in the Grade I classes is the gradual disappearance of repeaters from these classes. The changes brought about in recent years in the programme of studies and in the methods of teaching for Grade I French-speaking classes have helped materially in reducing the burden of work which was doubtless too heavy for a great number of pupils, but there is still room for improvement in that regard. School boards, in urban centres especially, would be well advised to establish kindergarten classes, which eventually would mean both a saving in school costs and a betterment in educational results.

TABLE No. 2

ANALYSIS OF AGE-GRADE DISTRIBUTION IN RELATION TO IDEAL AGE-SPREAD IN ELEMENTARY RURAL AND URBAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1940

(A) Separate and Public Schools

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	163	1.91	7,558	88.51	818	9.58
II	94	1.32	5,939	84.16	1,024	14.52
III	192	2.82	5,279	77.60	1,332	19.58
IV	182	2.78	4,869	74.44	1,490	22.78
V	191	3.16	4,424	73.21	1,428	23.63
VI	251	4.98	3,692	73.31	1,093	21.71
VII	331	7.72	3,302	77.08	651	15.20
VIII	376	10.05	2,897	77.44	468	12.51
IX	139	14.66	735	77.53	74	7.81
X	103	15.94	504	78.02	39	6.04
Totals	2,022	4.06	39,199	78.57	8,417	16.87

NOTE:—The 251 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

The percentage of enrolment in the Grade VIII classes has increased from 6.15, in 1938, to 7.50, in 1940. It is confidently expected that in 1943, when the more natural motion imparted a few years ago to the lower classes will have reached Grade VIII classes, the enrolment in the latter should attain approximately 10 per cent of the total school enrolment.

Teachers and inspectors are to be highly commended for the results they have obtained thus far. They should continue, however, to be relentless in their efforts to check the excessive drop in enrolment in the senior grades of the elementary school.

(B) Separate Schools

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	135	1.74	6,936	89.17	707	9.09
II	78	1.20	5,507	84.70	917	14.10
III	179	2.86	4,910	78.09	1,198	19.05
IV	161	2.78	4,505	74.80	1,349	22.42
V	175	3.15	4,084	73.40	1,305	23.45
VI	227	4.90	3,405	73.25	1,016	21.85
VII	311	7.75	3,095	77.10	608	15.15
VIII	334	9.63	2,700	77.63	444	12.76
IX	138	14.72	729	77.71	71	7.57
X	101	15.78	500	78.13	39	6.09
Totals	1,839	4.00	36,371	79.31	7,654	16.69

NOTE:—The 232 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

(C) Public Schools

GRADE	Under Ideal Age Spread		Within Ideal Age Spread		Over Ideal Age Spread	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I	28	3.68	622	81.73	111	14.59
II	16	2.89	432	77.83	107	19.28
III	13	2.52	369	71.51	134	25.97
IV	21	3.99	364	69.20	141	26.81
V	16	3.34	340	70.98	123	25.68
VI	24	6.18	287	73.97	77	19.85
VII	20	7.41	207	76.67	43	15.92
VIII	42	15.96	197	74.90	24	9.14
IX	1	10.00	6	60.00	3	30.00
X	2	33.33	4	66.67	.....	.....
Totals	183	4.84	2,828	74.93	763	20.23

NOTE:—The 19 pupils enrolled in Auxiliary Classes are not included in the above table.

TABLE No. 3

GRADE-ENROLMENT DISTRIBUTION IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY FRENCH-SPEAKING PUPILS, MAY 1940

(A) Separate and Public Schools

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I-IV	12,329	61.84	16,611	55.46	28,940	58.02
V-VIII	7,228	36.25	11,876	39.65	19,104	38.29
IX-X	381	1.91	1,213	4.05	1,594	3.19
Auxiliary	.....	.....	251	.84	251	.50

(B) **Separate Schools**

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I–IV	10,561	61.39	16,021	55.45	26,582	57.67
V–VIII	6,268	36.44	11,436	39.58	17,704	38.41
IX–X	374	2.17	1,204	4.17	1,578	3.42
Auxiliary	.....	.....	232	.80	232	.50

(C) **Public Schools**

Grades	Rural		Urban		Rural and Urban	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I–IV	1,768	64.64	590	55.76	2,358	62.17
V–VIII	960	35.10	440	41.59	1,400	36.91
IX–X	7	.26	9	.85	16	.42
Auxiliary	.....	.....	19	1.80	19	.50

The following comparative table shows the grade-enrolment distribution of French-speaking pupils in separate and public schools for the years 1938, 1939, and 1940.

Separate and Public Schools

Grades	1938		1939		1940	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
I–IV	28,730	60.61	29,098	59.00	28,940	58.02
V–VIII	17,280	36.46	18,473	37.46	19,104	38.29
IX–X	1,170	2.47	1,480	3.00	1,594	3.19
Auxiliary	217	.46	268	.54	251	.50

Secondary School Classes

The following table shows the number of French-speaking students enrolled, in December 1940, in the advanced French courses of Collegiate Institutes, High, Continuation, and Vocational Schools under the supervision of the Department of Education:—

Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	XIII	Total
Number students enrolled	440	310	172	132	48	1,102

This total enrolment of 1,102 French-speaking students compares favourably with the totals reported for 1938 (839) and for 1939 (1,027). There are besides, some 2,500 students who are pursuing their studies in the Grade IX and Grade X classes of the elementary schools, [Table No. 1, (A), (i), of this report], and in private secondary schools. Some of the latter are inspected by the Department of Education for the purpose of accepting, or not accepting, the teachers' recommendations in respect to pupils who are candidates for middle school certificates.

Although the above figures show a slight improvement over the situation as reported in the last few years, it is evident that much remains to be done

throughout the province in order to raise the percentage of the French-speaking secondary school enrolment from the present 6 or 7 per cent to at least 18 or 20 per cent of the total French-speaking school enrolment. Of course, as was stated in a previous report, the main cause of this low and rapidly decreasing enrolment from grade to grade in the secondary schools is to be found and eradicated in the elementary school classes. Once the problem is solved in the elementary department of the school—and according to present indications this task will be completed within the next three or four years—there should be automatic improvement in the secondary school enrolment and age-grade distribution of pupils.

The recent appointment of a French-speaking high school inspector will no doubt contribute in a large measure to the desired progress of the secondary school classes attended by French-speaking students.

Provincial Contest

The finals of the third annual provincial contest among the Grade VIII French-speaking pupils were held in Ottawa on March 29th, 1940. Twenty-two contestants—the winning boy and the winning girl from each of the eleven French-speaking inspectorates—took part in this final competition. The four provincial winners, the first two of whom were awarded secondary school scholarships, were as follows:

1st boy: Robert Ethier, 13, R.C.S.S. No. 1, Shackleton, Village of Fauquier;

1st girl: Jeanne d'Arc Lapierre, 13, R.C.S.S. No. 1, Shackleton, Village of Fauquier;

2nd boy: Florent Gauthier, 13, St. Charles School, Timmins;

2nd girl: Yvette Seguin, 14, St. Pierre School, Ottawa.

The fact that the two best candidates came from the same school, a three-roomed village school in Northern Ontario is worthy of note. These pupils as well as their teacher, Miss Hélène Bastien, were offered well-deserved praise.

Inspectoral District Enterprises

In 1939, at their annual convention, the French-speaking school inspectors were asked to undertake during 1940 and every year thereafter, in their respective inspectorates, one special enterprise bearing on some particular phase of elementary education. It was suggested also that these enterprises, which should aim at correcting a general weakness throughout the inspectorate or at fostering a new idea in education, be carried on in a scientific manner by taking note of essential data, such as existing conditions at the outset, means employed, difficulties encountered, and results obtained.

Interesting reports were received from the inspectors at the close of the year. Some of the topics which became objects of special research in French-speaking inspectorates, during 1940, are as follows: how to encourage supplementary reading by the pupils; establishment of teachers' study clubs; how to secure better results in mathematics; means of fostering almost perfect attendance on the part of rural pupils; group meetings of school trustees and secretaries; improving the pedagogical organization of the school; the development by pupils and teachers of a Grade I supplementary reader in social studies; larger units of school administration.

The following excerpts are taken from the report submitted on: "*Larger units of school administration*":—

Early in 1940, a number of experienced teachers undertook a special study of sections 15, 16, 17, and 18 of the revised Statutes of Ontario, 1937, setting forth the provisions for the organization of township public school areas. Section 32 of the Separate Schools Act on the formation of union separate school boards was also included in this study, since the majority of the schools in this inspectorate are separate schools and do not come under township school areas. Both the advantages and the disadvantages of the larger unit of administration were carefully considered and noted.

Then teachers in key positions were asked to tactfully ascertain local public opinion on the new scheme of administration through casual discussions with local leaders such as trustees, influential ratepayers, township councillors, etc., and then to report as to how these people reacted to the proposed change.

An examination of the reports relating to township public school areas reveals that public opinion is generally favourable to the larger unit, and that local conditions in at least one of the municipalities are especially well suited to the formation of two such areas, one for public schools attended by French-speaking pupils and one for public schools attended by English-speaking pupils. There are five boards now in operation in each case, so that each of the original sections would have representation on the township area board. Moreover, none of these sections has any school debentures outstanding.

The members of the municipal council are now being consulted on the advisability of their passing a by-law constituting the larger units.

Reports on the formation of larger separate school units under the provisions of section 32 of the Separate Schools Act, are generally in favour of a parochial area, i.e., have all separate schools within the one parish under one board of separate school trustees. There is general opposition, however, in parishes where there are more than three separate school boards now in operation—and this is the case in the majority of parishes—to a union board of only three trustees as specified in section 32 of the Separate Schools Act. A board of at least five trustees, giving representation to each of the original boards on the union board, is generally favoured.

Association of Ontario French-speaking Teachers and Inspectors

The first meetings of a newly-organized provincial association of teachers and inspectors, known as "L'Association de l'Enseignement français de l'Ontario", were held in Ottawa on March 29th and 30th, 1940. The members elected as their first president Mr. Joseph Béchard, B.A., B.Paed., master at the University of Ottawa Normal School.

This association, which comprises three sections and is composed of French-speaking elementary and secondary school teachers, inspectors and normal school masters of Ontario, resembles closely, on a smaller scale, the Ontario Educational Association, and, in co-operation with the latter, will no doubt promote the best interests of French education in this province.

A New Grade II Reader in French

A new Grade II Reader in French, entitled "Deuxième livre de lecture", was authorized by the Minister of Education and introduced in September, 1940, in schools attended by French-speaking pupils.

This new book, edited jointly by the Department of Education and La Librairie Beauchemin, Ltée., and printed by Le Droit, was very well received by pupils and teachers. Indeed, it filled a need of long standing in Grade II classes. It is hoped that a new Grade III Reader in French, similar to the above, will be available in the near future.

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